

## Coronavirus Update 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020 – School Closure To Years 9 and 10

Following government advice on social distancing, we are experiencing high levels of staff absence. As a result we need to close the Academy to students in Years 9 and 10 from tomorrow, Wednesday 18th - Friday 20th March in the first instance. We apologise for this inconvenience but if you have any particular concerns and would like your child to come into school anyway, please contact us and we will look after them. Years 7, 8 11, 12 and 13 will still be expected to attend. This is a fast moving situation and we will update all parents regularly.

If your Year 9 or 10 child receives free school meals and you would like us to provide a packed lunch, please let Reception or the Student Information Desk know by 10:00 am tomorrow. We will then have it ready to be collected each day from Reception from 12 noon onwards. Your child's teachers will be using Show My Homework to set work for your child to complete whilst they are at home.

In the meantime please use these links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

to follow government advice about social distancing and self-isolating and keep your child off school if they fall into any of the categories mentioned.